Children with Special Healthcare Needs include any child from birth to 21 years of age who is suspected of having a:

- physical,
- developmental,
- behavioral, or
- emotional disability

and also require health and related services beyond that generally required by children.

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Early Intervention

The Early Intervention Program serves Steuben County children aged birth to 3 years that have disabilities or developmental delays. This statewide program provides therapies and intervention services to children, including:

- Service coordination
- Speech therapy
- Occupational therapy
- Physical therapy

Preschool Special Education

Preschool Special Education Services serve Steuben County children between the ages of 3 to 5 years with developmental delays that affect their abilities to succeed academically.

Child Find

Child Find is a program that monitors developmental progress of children through periodic questionnaires, checkups, and screenings with the hope of increasing early diagnosis and intervention.

Resources and Referrals

The Children with Special Healthcare Needs Program is also available to provide resources and referrals for any children with developmental disabilities aged birth to 21 years and their families.

Services Provided

The Children with Special Healthcare Needs Program includes:

- Early Intervention Services
- Preschool Special Education
- Child Find Program
- Physically Handicapped Children’s Program

Resources and referrals for children between birth and 21 years of age are included as well.

There is no cost to families for these services. Funding is provided by Steuben County and the New York State Department of Health.